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## EPA Science Matters: Keeping hearts healthy and managing waste after natural disasters

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*Pictured: EPA employees wearing red for American Heart month on February 1, 2019.*

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## EPA Research Updates

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**February is American Heart Month.** EPA is raising awareness of heart disease and its link to air pollution and other environmental factors as a partner in Million Hearts, a national initiative to prevent heart attacks and strokes. Check out our [Healthy Heart toolkit](#) to learn how you can protect your heart from air pollution.

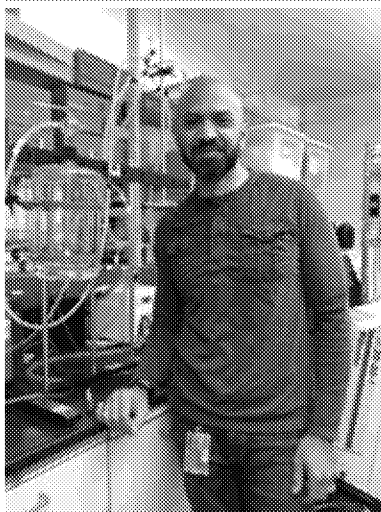
**Following a natural disaster, communities can face an unexpected challenge: what to do with the tons of waste and**

**debris left behind.** To help manage waste after disasters, [EPA](#) researchers and partners developed a suite of tools to assist in both urban and rural waste management planning and emergency response.

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## Meet Our Researchers

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### **Meet EPA Scientist Mehdi S. Hazari, Ph.D.**

EPA scientist Mehdi S. Hazari is a recipient of the 2011 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The award recognizes his work demonstrating how breathing in low levels of air pollutants, such as particulate matter and ground level ozone, can increase people's susceptibility to heart attacks and other cardiac events. [Learn about his work.](#)

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## Events

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- [2/26 Small Water Systems Research Webinar: Treatment Technologies for Removing Chemicals of Concern](#)
  - [2/27 EPA Tools and Resources Webinar: Recent Enhancements to the CMAQ Modeling System](#)
  - [2/28 Computational Toxicology Communities of Practice: The Systematic Empirical Evaluation of Models \(SEEM\) framework](#)
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